Terminal facilities at Delhi/New Delhi & Howrah Stations

8. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a whether there is any plan for laying a spare line to increase the terminal facilities at Delhi/New Delhi and Howrah Stations so that new trains could be introduced in this section which is overcrowded and no new trains have been introduced in this section;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Following important works for augmentation of Terminal facilities at Delhi/New Delhi and Howrah are approved :—

S. No.	Work
1.	Delhi-Augmentation of coaching facilities.
2.	Nizamudin-Augmentation of coahing facilities
3.	Delhi area-Acquisition of land for directional terminals at Bijwasan, Holambi Kalan and Anand Vihar.
4.	Howrah-Augmentation of coaching facilities.

Ban on recruitment in Railways

9. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) what are the reasons for imposition of ban on recruitment in the Railways; and

(b) whether the Railways are considering lifting of the ban ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) There is no ban on recruitment in the Railways.

Identity card to Indians in Nepal

10. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nepal Government has decided to introduce identity cards to the Indian citizens in Nepal;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether the matter was discussed in the last bi-partite talks ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Government have received reports that the Government of Nepal have introduced the requirement of work permits for all foreign nationals working in the organised sectors of industry in the country. This measure envisages also the issue of identification documents for all such foreign nationals.

(b) Government will remain vigilant to ensure that this measure does not cause undue hardship to, or discrimination against, Indian nationals.

(c) These reports have been brought to the attention of the Government of Nepal.

Growth of Air Traffic at the International Airports

11. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what was the percentage growth of air traffic among the four international airports of the country between 1982-83 to 1987-88 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : The percentage growth of air traffic at the four international airports

between the period 1982-83 to 1987-88 was as under :—

	Bombay	Calcutta	Delhi	Madras
Passengers	41.8	58.4	47.4	54.3
Cargo	52.1	57.7	58.9	56.4

Saturation of line capacity on Panskura-Haldia Section

12. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the line capacity on Panskura-Haldia Section of South Eastern Railway has already saturated;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan for constructing another line to reduce the load on the section;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Development of Tourist Sports in West Bengal

13. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a whether there exists a big scope to develop more tourist spots in West Bengal to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes of the Central Government to develop such spots in West Bengal; and

(c) the details of facilities being given to develop this industry in the country, particularly in West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central financial assistance is extended to State Governments for strengthening tourist infrastructure in the country by providing way-side amenities, tourist complexes, forest lodges, cafeterias, yatri niwases, watersports facilities, and equipment, fast food counters, beach resorts, trekking equipment, river rafting facilities, floodlighting and sound and light shows, boats and launches etc. In West Bengal the following schemes have been sanctioned in the first three years of the VII Plan.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1 2	3	4
1. Tourist Lodge at Digha	40.17	20.00
2. *SEL Show at Rabindra Bharati University*	*15.50*	10.00
3. Yatri Niwas at Darjeeling	47.39	10.00